

HOUSE No. 2096

By Mr. Leary of Worcester, petition of James B. Leary and others for legislation to authorize the issuance of temporary handicapped parking placards to pregnant women. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PREGNANT WOMEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The ninth paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the first sentences the following sen-
4 tences:—

5 A person may be deemed eligible who is in the third trimester
6 of pregnancy and for 7 days after giving birth and may apply to
7 the registrar for a special parking identification placard bearing
8 the designation “International Symbol of Access”. Prior to issuing
9 a placard pursuant to the foregoing, the registrar shall require the
10 submission of a certificate signed by the person’s obstetrician or
11 gynecologist, setting forth the start date of the third trimester and
12 the projected delivery date. The physician who signs any such cer-

13 tificate shall maintain information sufficient to substantiate that
14 certificate and upon request shall make that information available
15 for inspection by the registrar. A placard issued to such pregnant
16 person shall be valid commencing on the start date certified by the
17 physician and shall expire 7 days after the delivery date.